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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
September 25, 2018**

BOH Members Present: Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Deb Gayer, Chris Showalter, Greg Barnett

Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner

Visitor Present: None

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Second Floor Conference Room by Deb Gayer. No public comment was heard.

Election of Officers was held to fill the Chairperson's position. Chris Showalter made a motion that Greg Barnett fill the Chairperson position. This was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried. Greg Barnett then took over the meeting.

Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Chris Showalter. Motion carried.

Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve the previous meetings' minutes as written, and this was seconded by Greg Barnett. Motion carried.

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Deb Gayer made a motion to approve the following claims: 7-31-18, 8-7-18, 8-14-18, 8-21-18, 8-28-18, 9-4-18, 9-11-18, 9-18-18, 9-25-18 and 10-2-18; and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes.

The Environmental Health Report was then distributed. See attached notes.

Jennifer Becker then reported on a Policy Update. The Homes with Healthy Children Program is in the process of recredentialing. Policies have been reviewed and updated. The Conflict of Interest Policy was not specific enough, so it was rewritten, and presented for approval. Greg Barnett made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy as written, and this was seconded by Deb Gayer, Motion carried.

Staff Updates were then given by Jennifer Becker. Tricia Kasemeier is currently on maternity leave until November 19th. Jennifer is covering her patients at this time. Deb Henricks had emergency surgery on September 14. She will be off at least 6 weeks. Wendy Miller was hired to replace Patty Nordmeyer, and has already resigned. Her last day is today. Nancy Hemann started yesterday in this position. The IDPH Staff will be coming to train Nancy on the State programs. Karolyn Roose, Home Care Aide, retired last week, and Carole Viet, Home Care Aide, will be retiring in early November. Jennifer requested permission to hire a new home care aide. Permission granted by Board of Health.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Reports as follows:

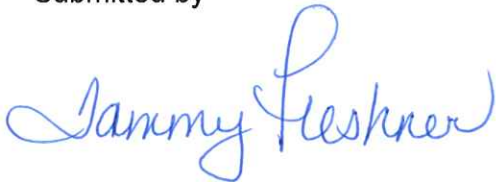
1. Immunization: Flu Vaccine is here. We will just be giving it to the County employees, staff, REC staff, and patients. The nurses are giving them already. The County Immunization Rates for July 2015 to June 2016, for 2 year olds, and adolescents were discussed. Butler County has a 77% rate for 2 year olds, and the State rate is 67%. 13-15 year olds HPV shows a 56% rate for Butler County, and a 21% rate for the State. Adolescents have a 49% rate for Butler County, and 52% rate for the State. Adolescents are to have 1 Tdap, 3 Hep B, 3 MMR, 2 Varicella, 1 Meningo, and 1 HPV.
2. We have been busy with Disease Outbreak and Investigation. There has been 3 cases of salmonella with no common factors, and another case of Legionnaire's Disease (this makes 4 for Butler County). Discussion was held regarding West Nile Virus.

3. Tobacco Prevention – Kids Fest was held on September 22, 2018. Jennifer and Wendy Miller worked the event, having games and prizes for the kids.

4. We are having water issues in the basement again. On September 5, 2018, the water seeped in through the footings. It happened again on September 20, 2018. At this time, the plan is that the carpet will be removed as this is the 4th time it has been wet. There has been a strong odor to the carpet when wet and after clean up. Epoxy, or some other water resistant product will then be put on the floor. They have 2 bids at this time.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th at 4:00 p.m. We will be working on the Budget at this meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by



Tammy Fleshner, for

Joyce Dickes

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health
September 25, 2018

18-19 Fiscal Year Well Program:

Water tests: 65 (compared to 70 last fiscal year)

Well permits: 4 (1 last fiscal year)

Well closings: 7 (4 last fiscal year)

Rehabilitated: 0 (3 last fiscal year)

The 2018-2019 Grants to Counties well program final award amount was \$30,927, with approximately \$21,817.00 remaining.

The fall well survey through the State Hygienic Lab has also started. I'll be testing for manganese as well as a 2nd nitrate test to be sent via regular mail to compare holding times and temperature.

Septic

Permits: I issued 52 permits compared to 60 at this time last year, with 16 of those still need to be installed. Wet weather has really slowed the installs down even more this year.

15 for New Construction; 14 for Failing Systems/wanting to update; 17 for ToFT and 2 for campers/recreational uses; 4 alterations/repairs.

Septic Complaint: I filed a septic complaint against a resident in Dumont. I have been fighting with him for over two years to install a system at a new house he built just outside of Dumont. The hearing was this morning and apparently no one had shown up for it so I'm waiting to find out what the Magistrate ordered.

I have two other non-compliant situations I will probably need to file a complaint on in the near future. One for future install and one for a complaint from neighbor.